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Chapter VI. Processing of Materials

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The average user of the facilities provided him

by OCR has no idea of the complex combination of humans and machines which digests the intake of the ^{is needed to} ~~various types~~ ^{a wide variety} of materials ^{in order to} ~~received~~ and attempts to provide him with the answer. The user's contact might

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^{with} be an analyst, a librarian, a disseminator, a man who ^{is expert in} ~~can make magic~~ ^{to} ~~with~~ the various ways ^{to} sort and manipulate machines, or ^{some} ~~any~~ other representative of the various OCR functions. Behind the ^{series} ~~facade~~ is the

vital function called "processing". Without understanding this, one cannot comprehend the totality of the OCR picture. Many top figures in the management of this Office

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and others) mastered one or more phases of OCR processing during their career development and thus enhanced their background for dealing with current problems. There are statistics available for the period from FY1959 through FY1964 in the OCR Annual Reports which indicate that between 44% and 48% of the total man hours available to OCR were devoted to processing.

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